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Attorney Docket No. 016887/1026

REMARKS

It is respectfully request d that this amendment and reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 be considered and entered, in order to correct an obvious error in claim 37. The scope of claim 37 is not believed to have been materially affected due to this correcting amendment.

This amendment amends a claim in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

In particular, claim 37 has been amended so that is correctly recites the features seen in Figure 87 of the drawings. A copy of Figure 87 is also being provided with this amendment and reply.

As seen in Figure 87 of the drawings, which is provided as an attachment to this amendment and reply, the programming operation (corresponding to the "Program" box in Figure 87) is reexecuted in the case when the program operations number is less than a predetermined number (whereby the program operations number is less than three in Figure 87). Thus, as shown in Figure 87, when the program operations number is 1 or 2, the process loops back to reexecute the Program step, and when the program operations is 3, the process proceeds to the "Verify Read" step (whereby claim 37 recites that a verify read circuit executes a verify read operation when the program operations number is equal to the predetermined number).

Claim 37 has been amended to correctly reflect the above-discussed features of Figure 87 of the drawings.

Entry of this amendment and reply is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be required to have this amendment and reply considered and entered.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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